Missionaries engaged in conversions

2390. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of missionaries coming and engaging in religious conversions in the disguise of service to poor in the recent past;

(b) if so, the action taken against these foreigners during the last one year; and

(c) whether any press report has come to the notice of the Government that foreigners engaged in conversions had to return to their own country after strong objections from the local people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) There have been press reports appearing from time to time regarding allegations that foreign missionaries are engaging themselves in religious conversions by offering inducements and/or objections raised by local people against such alleged activities.

'Public Order' and 'Police' are the State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes are primarily the concerns of the State Government/ UT Administrations. Action is taken as per existing laws by the law enforcing agencies whenever instances of violation come to notice.

Some State Governments have enacted laws providing for prohibition of coversion from one religious faith to any other religious faith by use of force or inducement or by fraudulent means etc.

Unsafe structures in Delhi

2391. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the unsafe structures facing fire hazards in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;